



Redeemer Radiates

April 2019



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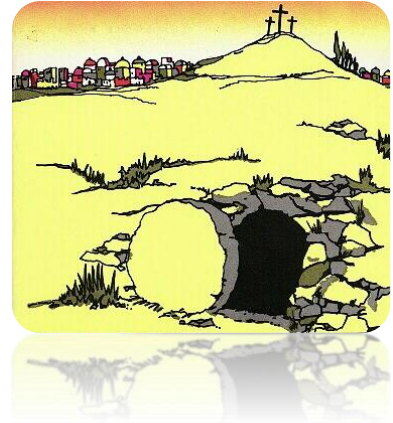
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The Pastor's Corner

An honest skeptic once asked a Christian pastor: “If it could be proven that Jesus Christ never rose from the grave--then what? The pastor thought for a moment, looked his questioner squarely in the eye, and replied:

- “Then for twenty centuries, a million martyrs have died for a nothing.”
- “Then twenty centuries of Christian preaching have been nothing but a hoax and a lie.”
- “Then the faith of countless millions over the centuries has been totally in vain.”
- “Then all who believe in Jesus Christ are still living in their sins and will be eternally lost.”
- “Then those who have died trusting in Jesus Christ have perished.”
- “Then Christian people everywhere are of all men most to be pitied!”



There are many things in history that are open to debate. But the resurrection of Christ is not one of them. It is one of the most well-attested events in antiquity. And the Christian faith rests upon the historical reality of Easter. As Saint Paul so candidly put it, “If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile, and you are still in your sins” (1 Cor. 15:17).

But on Easter evening, the risen Christ appeared to all of the apostles in the upper room. He appeared to them again and again. If the resurrection were just an elaborate hoax, how do we explain the fact that all of the apostles (except John) suffered martyr's deaths? People simply do not die for something they KNOW TO BE A LIE. Jesus also showed himself alive to over 500 people at one time. They were eyewitnesses to the fact that Christ was alive!

Dr. Paul L. Maier, professor of ancient history at Western Michigan University, concluded that, “If all the evidence is weighed carefully and fairly, it is indeed justifiable, according to the canons of historical research, to conclude that the tomb in which Jesus was buried was actually empty on the morning of the first Easter. And no shred of evidence has yet been discovered in literary sources, epigraphy or archaeology that would disprove this statement.”

So, what does Easter mean? It is the evidence that Jesus defeated the grave. It is also the evidence that God the Father accepted Christ's Good-Friday sacrifice as

payment-in-full for all human sin. If there were something deficient in Christ's atoning sacrifice, God would never have raised him up.

Moreover, Christ's resurrection is the proof that believers will also rise to eternal life, for this was his promise. To you and me, Jesus says, "Because I live, you shall live also" (John 14:19).

May God grant us all a blessed Easter!

Pastor Grassley



ANNIVERSARIES IN APRIL:

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| 04/04 | August & Donna Riccono (55) |
| 04/16 | Shawn & Carla Barber (15) |
| 04/16 | Glenn & Lucille Skehan (14) |
| 04/24 | John & Bettie Schatte (68) |

BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL:

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| 04/01 | Naturi Banks | 04/09 | Crystal Golden |
| 04/01 | Hudson Heitmeier | 04/11 | Phillip Reed |
| 04/02 | Curtis Golden | 04/12 | Michael Collins |
| 04/02 | Sheila Tischler | 04/13 | Glenn Skehan |
| 04/03 | Amy Foerster | 04/14 | Rhoda Skokan |
| 04/05 | Evan Barber | 04/16 | Charles Ruhmann |



Clark Penas has a new home phone number. It is 817-238-3829. Please update your directory.

Sean Lewis has a new address. It is 7713E N College Circle, North Richland Hills, TX 76180. His phone and email address remain unchanged. Please make a note in your directory.

Do you love children? Would you like to lead a Jr. Youth Group? We have several kids ages 9-12 who need you! Please contact the Church Office if you would be interested in serving in this capacity. Thanks!

Easter Lilies: There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex on the Flower bulletin board to order your Easter lilies. The cost is \$10.00 each. Thank you for helping beautify the Sanctuary in celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord on Easter Sunday.

Note from the President:

I wanted to inform you that we will have a Special Meeting on Congregational Care April 14th to discuss the results of the questionnaires that were filled out last month. Rev. Jim Otte will give us the information he gained, and we can hear his thoughts and suggestions moving forward. Please make every effort to attend this meeting, as it will help keep you informed on the church's progress and direction. I look forward to seeing you then! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Duane Janssen (817) 797-0070.

BOARD INFORMATION

Mission Ministry:

Easter Basket Angels: Thank you, thank you, everyone, who helped make a foster child's Easter blessed.

Thank you to all who came and ate Sloppy Joes. I would like to thank Alena and Lailee Freiberg for all of their hard work and help.

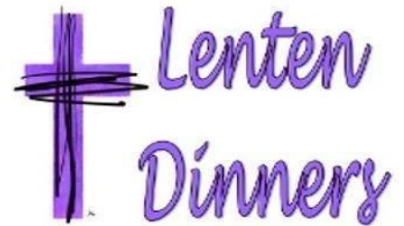
We have Braille the second Friday at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Please consider coming to help us bring God's Word to the blind. Contact me if you have any questions.

God's blessings,
Georgia Hotaling

Fellowship:

Here are the menus for Lent Dinners that we have remaining:

April 3rd: Pasta Dinner sponsored by VBS.
April 10th: Soup & Grilled Cheese sponsored by Mission Ministry.



Please come and join your pewmates, friends and family for dinner before Lenten services. The meal is served at 5:30 pm. See you there.

Whole Person Health Ministry:

Whole Person Health Ministry thanks the 17 individuals (one from the community) who came out to support our Blood Drive on March 24th: Becca Austin, Jason Cook, Janice Davis, Mark Drewes, Alan and Georgia Hotaling, Edna and Duane Janssen, Sean Lewis, Ron and Sharon Neben, Shirley Pitcher, Al Rearick, Larry Riemenschneider, Debbie Thomas and Paul Wagner. Two of these were first time donors. While everyone could not donate due to different reasons your presence is very much appreciated. We are approved by Carter Blood to continue to be a site and are looking at 2 dates to be confirmed for our 2019 Drives: Sunday, August 4th with the Mobile Van, and Sunday, November 17th in the Family Life Center. You are each blessed to be a blessing to another of God's created in need of life saving blood.

Thanks also to those present at the **Cancer Screening presentation** by Sharon Reddin, RN, from Texas Health Arlington Memoria Hospital, on Tuesday, March 26th before our BSLL exercise class. A couple of extra folks attended. We were updated also on the Hospice Unit at Arlington Memorial.

Be Stronger Live Longer exercise class with prayer and devotion every Tuesday in April. We will be taking off the month of May. Watch for notices of our summer schedule.

There won't be a blood pressure screening in April, but will resume on May 5th in the Parish Hall after Services.

Watch for date and time for planned **Advanced Directives** program on a Sunday, following Divine Service with lunch provided, hopefully this summer.

The summer projected **A Matter of Balance Class** beginning July 17th for 8 weeks has been moved to Harris Southwest Community Education Center instead of here at Redeemer. Hopefully we will be repeating the workshop here in early 2020. Anyone interested is welcome to attend this workshop. Flyers are posted on the WPHM Bulletin Boards in the Narthex and Parish Hall. This is a great evidenced-based workshop assisting those who have a history of falls or fear of falling.

Donna will be attending the **27th Annual Parish Nurse and Congregational Health Ministries Conference** May 22-23 at Concordia Wisconsin. The event this year is based on Joshua 22:5, "To love the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to Him, to keep His commands, to hold fast to Him and serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul." At this time both Cathy Gonzalez and Shane Jenke are hoping to be able to attend as well.

The LCMS is this year is celebrating 30 years of support and blessings to LCMS Parish Nurses and Congregational Health Ministries.

“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I, Send me!” Isaiah 6:8. From Lutheran Church Charities December 28, 2018 devotion: Isn’t it ironic that we spend so much time and energy trying to figure out how to get to where God wants us to go, when all we have to do is simply say, ‘Here am I’? It is God’s job to get us to where He wants us to go; our job is to make ourselves available. It is our readiness to respond that God is looking for.”

Donna Riccono, Parish Nurse
Faith Community Nursing



Please remember in your prayers:

Members: Bettye Baird; Diana Breitenfield; Elaine deTurck; Frances Graham; Jerry Knutson; Eva Merritt; Gene Morones; Betty Moser; Rev. Richard Nelson; Lori Penning; Judy Pitre; Charles Ruhmann; Bettie Schatte; John Schatte; Alan Schaubhut; Dan

Shackleford; Lucille Skehan; Bill Skokan; David Thomas; Randy Thomas; Stormi Thomas; Mildred Wagner. **Relatives of members:** Bill Baird; Kala Barnett; Bobby Blackman; Janet Bliss; Susan Boudreaux; Gayle & Tommy Bradshaw; Meril Christenson; Jocelynn Collins; John Baars Connell; Dean Crocket; Shirley English; Jason & Denise Ford; Pat Ford; Pat

Garnet; Andrew Graham; Melody Giunta; Glen Hammett; Margaret Hollar; Craig & Trina Hotaling; Jeanette Hutchinson; Arleen Hayek; Debbie Hyden; Louetta Lewis; Peggy Madison; Meryl McKinney; Alison McMurray; Chuck Merritt; Kevin Neville; Lynda Quirey; Ryan Robinette; Meadow Rose Rosete; John Sergent; Timothy Sherman; Brian Stevens; Matthew and Shantel Schatte; Family of Davey Thomas; Jacob Thomas; Danielle Tyus; Scotty Walker; Pat Wyer. **Friends of members:** Kelley Adams; John Allison; Mary Aguirre; Sammie Atwell; Steve Briscoe; Dawn Brown; Renee Brown; Joseph Burdick; Elinore Cocca; Dan Crofts; Jolene Crowe; Lauren DiGiovanni; Robert Edmonds; Parker Garret; Candy & Bruce Grantham; Patricia Hill; Larry Hoffman; Nancy Hood; Kyle Hopkins; Jill Jenkins; The Aaron Johnson Family; Arlie Judd; Telina Manbek; Charlene Marroquin; Michael McDaniel; Julie Miranda; Marshall Martinez; Jed Oidtman; Deann Pearson & Family; Linda Riojas and daughters, Zoe and Sage; Camilla Stephens; Dannette Taylor; Tina Taylor; Louanne Weber.

From “*Martin Luther Day by Day*”

April 21

As the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

Colossians 3:13

With Malice Toward None



All kinds of flaws and unpleasant things must crop up among us. We must not give vent to our anger even if we bite our tongue with our teeth, our fist strikes our eye, our foot trips, or our head runs up against a wall; but we must reason thus: “Well, he is your fellow member, your brother or neighbor. What do you propose to do about it? He erred; there was no malice involved, and he means no ill. Perhaps it was done in weakness and ignorance. You did receive a blow from him. It hurts, but are you willing to cast your fellow member away for this reason? It is a little spark. Spit on it, and

it will go out. Otherwise the devil will come with his venomous breath or through evil tongues and fan it into an inextinguishable fire, and it will develop into discord and hatred that cannot be allayed but will harm the whole body. For the devil is a spirit who does not desist and cease if he is not restrained.”

From *Sermons on the Gospel of John*, Chapters 14-16 (Luther’s Works 24:248)

Photo: “Luther at Erfurt”, which depicts Martin Luther discovering the doctrine of *sola fide*.
Painting by [Joseph Noel Paton](#), 1861.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Youth Group Meeting	2 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Be Stronger - Live Longer 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Hand Bell Choir Practice	3 10:00 AM Quilting 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Lenten Meal 7:00 PM Mid-Week Lenten Vespers Service	4 10:00 AM Grocery Bags for LSSS 7:00 PM Board Meetings	5	6
7 10:30 AM Divine Service	8 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Youth Group Meeting	9 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Be Stronger - Live Longer 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Hand Bell Choir Practice	10 10:00 AM Quilting 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Lenten Meal 7:00 PM Mid-Week Lenten Vespers Service	11 7:00 PM Church Council Meeting	12 7:00 PM Braille @ St. Paul	13
14 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Palm Sunday Service 11:30 AM Congregational Care Meeting	15 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Youth Group Meeting	16 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Be Stronger - Live Longer 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Hand Bell Choir Practice	17 10:00 AM Quilting	18 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service	19 8:00 PM Good Friday Service	20
21 7:30 AM Easter Sunrise Service 10:30 AM The Resurrection of Our Lord	22 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Youth Group Meeting	23 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Be Stronger - Live Longer 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Hand Bell Choir Practice	24 10:00 AM Quilting 7:00 PM Wednesday Evening Bible Study	25	26 6:30 PM Confirmand Dinner	27
28 Confirmand Sunday 10:30 AM Divine Service 11:30 AM Reception for Confirmand 12:30 PM Dinner with Members	29 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Youth Group Meeting	30 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Be Stronger - Live Longer 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Hand Bell Choir Practice				